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SUBJECT: GOLDMANN GIVES STATUS OF HIS CONTACTS WITH EAST GERMAN
OFFICIALS ON JEWISH CLAIMS

REF: BERLIN 6155 (DEC 74)

1. IN A SHORT ARTICLE APPEARING IN DIE WELT ON
MARCH 22, THE PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH WORLD CONGRESS
GOLDMANN IN AN INTERVIEW WITH GERMAN RADIO IS REPORTED
TO HAVE SAID THE FOLLOWING. WITH REGARD TO CONTACTS
IN EAST BERLIN IN THE MATTER OF THE RESTITUTION
DEMANDS BEING MADE ON THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC,
GOLDMANN SAID THAT ONE COULD NOT SPEAK OF CONTACTS AS SUCH.
HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT FIRST SECRETARY HONECKER
HAD SUGGESTED THAT GOLDMANN CONTACT THE EAST GERMAN
AMBASSADOR IN BERN. THIS HAD HAPPENED. AT THE PRESENT
TIME, HOWEVER, IT IS NOT CLEAR, SAID GOLDMANN, WHETHER
HONECKER IS READY TO INVITE HIM (GOLDMAN) FOR FURTHER
DISCUSSIONS. AS IS WELL KNOWN, SAID GOLDMANN, THE GDR
IS PREPARED AT THE PRESENT TIME ONLY TO MAKE PAYMENTS
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TO AMERICAN JEWS.

2. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY WAS VISITED EARLY IN 1975
BY BENJAMIN FERENCZ, REPRESENTING THE WORLD CONFERENCE
ON JEWISH NATIONAL CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY. THE
RESULTS OF MR. FERENCZ CALLS ON EAST GERMAN OFFICIALS
WERE REPORTED REFTEL.COOPER

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